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REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 15, 2005, Applicants provide the following. Twenty (20) claims remain pending in the application: Claims 1-20. Reconsideration of claims 1-20 in view of the remarks below is respectfully requested.

By way of this response, Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (858) 552-1311 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

1. Claims 1-3, 7-10, 17-18 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0036811 (Ikeguchi).

With regard to independent claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, for example, is not anticipated by the Ikeguchi application. Claim 1 recites, in part, "selecting from a first input of a plurality of inputs." Ikeguchi fails to teach or describe and at least selecting from a first input of a plurality of inputs. Instead, Ikeguchi only shows and describes a single terrestrial antenna input 100 receiving analog and/or digital broadcast signals. (See Ikeguchi paragraphs 0011, 0016 and 0050; and FIG. 1). Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated by the Ikeguchi, and thus, claims 2-3 and 7-8 which depend from claim 1 are also not anticipated by the Ikeguchi for at least the reasons provided.

With regard to independent claim 9, claim 9 recites, in part, "limiting the channel map to the [selected] signal and not performing a full auto-program." The Ikeguchi application fails to teach or describe at least limiting the channel map to the selected signal as recited in claim 9. Instead, as demonstrated by FIG. 2 and FIG. 3 of Ikeguchi, the channel map comprises both analog and digital signal information. More specifically, step S107 of the analog channel search described in FIG. 2 of Ikeguchi comprises checking whether the current channel is mapped as a digital broadcast channel. Furthermore, step S207 of the digital channel search described in FIG. 3 of Ikeguchi comprises checking whether the current channel is mapped as an analog channel in

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the channel map. Therefore, Ikeguchi does not anticipate claim 9, and thus, claim 10 which depends from claim 9 is also not anticipated by Ikeguchi for at least the reasons provided.

Independent claim 17 recites "a plurality of inputs that each receive at least one signal." As demonstrated above, the Ikeguchi reference does not teach or describe at least receiving at least one signal from a plurality of inputs. Instead, Ikeguchi describes only a single terrestrial broadcast input. (See Ikeguchi, FIG. 1, reference no. 100.) Furthermore, Ikeguchi fails to teach or describe "a selecting device coupled with each of the plurality of inputs, wherein the selecting device selects a first signal from one of the plurality of inputs" as recited by claim 17. Ikeguchi describes only a single input, and thus, fails to teach or describe a device that "selects a first signal from one of the plurality of inputs." Therefore, claim 17 is also not anticipated by Ikeguchi for at least the reasons provided, and thus, claims 18 and 20 which depend from claim 17 are also not anticipated by Ikeguchi for at least the reasons provided.

Further, attached herewith is a Declaration from the Applicant, Peter Rae Shintani, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131 (referred to below as the 131 declaration). The 131 declaration and accompanying Exhibit A factually demonstrate that the invention was conceived prior to the August 18, 2003 effective date of the Ikeguchi reference, that Applicant diligently prepared an invention disclosure form which was forwarded by Assignee to outside counsel prior to the effective date of the Ikeguchi reference, and that the subject application was prepared and filed shortly thereafter, therefore factually demonstrating diligence at least from just prior to the August 18, 2003 effective date of the Ikeguchi reference through the filing of the subject application on October 17, 2003. Attached as Exhibit A to the Declaration is an Invention Disclosure form prepared by Applicant prior to the effective date of the Ikeguchi application (dates have been blocked out pursuant to MPEP 715.07). Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-3, 7-10, 17-18 and 20 based on the Ikeguchi reference.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

3. Claims 4-6, 11-16 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0036811 (Ikeguchi). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections, because the Ikeguchi application fails to teach or suggest at least each element of at least independent claims 1, 9 and 17. Claims 4-6, 11-16 and 19 depend from claims 1, 9 and 17 respectively. Further, the 131 declaration overcomes the rejections over the Ikeguchi reference. Therefore, dependent claims 4-6, 11-16 and 19 are patentable over Ikeguchi due at least to their dependency on claims 1, 9 and 17.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the above remarks demonstrate that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Declaration of Peter Rae Shintani Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.131
Exhibit A

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